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In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1645
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SHABAHANG, Shahrokh et al.) Examiner: Jana A. Hines
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Serial No.: 09/769,981)
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For: Method for the Evaluation of)
Implantable Materials) Pasadena, California

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Jennifer Hargis

December 17, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 7, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.